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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING MEDIA STREAM RELATED APPLICATIONS

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	JEAN D. SAINT CYR	2425	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 10/10/2011.
2. An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-9 and 11-28.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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Detailed Action

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: In line 17 of claim 16 and in lines 1-2 of claim 27, the applicant puts "wherein the media storage and the management entity is adapted to", the examiner changes that term to "wherein the media storage and the management entity are adapted to".

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-8,20-23, 28; 9, 11-15, 24-25; 16-18, 26-27; 19 are allowed over prior art of record. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The art of record did not teach or suggest the claim taken as a whole and particular the limitation pertaining to :

For claim 1: "receiving live media streams at a first path, wherein the first path comprises a video pump coupled to a data acquisition unit; retrieving media related information that comprises data structures that assist in constructing non-live media streams; wherein the generating comprises fetching intra-coded frames from locations that are pointed to at the media related information, and altering timing information of the intra-coded frames and of duplicating frames; providing the non-live media stream

from a second path to the client, wherein the second path comprises the video pump and a media server being coupled to each other by a network link that differs from a network link of the first path".

For claim 9: "first path comprising a video pump coupled to a data acquisition unit; wherein the first path is utilized for receiving live media streams and for providing a live media stream to a client, a second path comprising the video pump and a media server being coupled to each other by a network link that differs from a network link of the first path; wherein the second path is operable to retrieve media related information that comprises data structures that assist in constructing non-live media streams; to online generate at least a portion of a non-live media stream in response to a request to provide the non-live media stream to the client, by utilizing the media related information, wherein the generating comprises fetching intra-coded frames from locations that are pointed to at the media related information, and altering timing information of the intra-coded frames and of duplicating frames; and to provide the non-live media stream to the client, in response to the request to provide the non-live media stream to the client".

For claim 16: "an acquisition unit coupled to a media source; a video pump interface, coupled to the output of the acquisition unit via a first path, to the media storage and management entity via a second path and to a command channel, the video pump interface is operable to receive instructions/requests from an end-user and accordingly

to determine whether to feed the video pump with live stream media from the acquisition unit via the first path or to initiate a data fetch sequence for fetching data stored in the media storage and management entity, via the second path, in case where trick modes are required; wherein the second path comprises a network link that differs from a network link of the first path; and a video pump that is operable to determine which data to fetch from the media storage and management entity and when to transmit it according to MPEG timing; wherein the video pump is arranged to provide the live media stream to multiple users wherein the live media stream reaches the video pump only once”.

For claim 19; “receiving live media streams at a first path, wherein the first path comprises a video pump coupled to a data acquisition unit; providing a live media stream from the first path to a client, in response to a request to provide the live media stream to the client; retrieving media related information that comprises data structures that assist in constructing non-live media streams; wherein the generating comprises fetching intra-coded frames from locations that are pointed to at the media related information, and altering timing information of the intra-coded frames and of duplicating frames; and providing the non-live media stream from a second path to the client, wherein the second path comprises the video pump and a media server being coupled to each other by a network link that differs from a network link of the first path”.

With respect to independent claims 1,9, 16, 19:

Dygert et al show in fig.2 where the video pump is directly connected to a Raid Array representing a server or a buffer and disclose the purpose of video pump 12 is to retrieve MPEG audio/video streams from various storage devices, such as RAID array 14 and DVD jukebox, col.5, lines 43-45; col.10, lines 28-31; Video pump responds to system commands from system control server 22 for the retrieval and distribution of isochronous data including both audio and video, col.5, lines 52-54; col.3, lines 54-61; live broadcasts, col.1, line 49.

And Dygert et al disclose perform actions on these video streams, such as pause, play, stop, fast forward, rewind, col.6, lines 8-9; start and stop addresses and start and stop commands are sent to RAID streaming logic, col.6, lines 50-51.

And Weaver et al disclose fast forward the feed at different times, each would require a separate non-linear digital editor, col.2, lines 60-61; indicators of video access points, time stamps, col.7, line 53; prefix data is data that prepares the client to receive digital audio-visual data from the specified location in the digital audio-visual file, col.14, lines 8-11; col.11, 37-49; col.11, lines 31-40.

And Wells et al disclose a multiple source video system comprises a video pump 10a supplying coded real-time video to a decoder 20a, and receiving coded video data from a storage medium 30a; a fourth video pump 10d receiving "live" coded video via an off-air receiver 32 which includes a demultiplexer for extracting a single programme stream

from the received data and buffer 34 having a capacity sufficient to store several minutes.

And Wells et al disclose altering the time at which the data is actually output to the decoder, or both) based on a studio reference clock; One way in which picture output time can be set is by altering one or more values in timing fields contained within the video sequence; advantage is that playout of coded video material may be more readily controlled, for example for starting or pausing at a particular time; it may become possible to effect timing adjustments over longer periods of time, and to maintain decoder synchronization while a sequence is paused. Other effects, such as slow-motion playback may also be possible, and cutting from one sequence to another may be facilitated.

But Dygert in view of Weaver further in view of Wells and any of cited references did not teach or suggest, alone or in combination the feature of:

"receiving live media streams at a first path, wherein the first path comprises a video pump coupled to a data acquisition unit; retrieving media related information that comprises data structures that assist in constructing non-live media streams; wherein the generating comprises fetching intra-coded frames from locations that are pointed to at the media related information, and altering timing information of the intra-coded frames and of duplicating frames; providing the non-live media stream from a second

path to the client, wherein the second path comprises the video pump and a media server being coupled to each other by a network link that differs from a network link of the first path" as recited in combination with other features of independent claim 1.

"first path comprising a video pump coupled to a data acquisition unit; wherein the first path is utilized for receiving live media streams and for providing a live media stream to a client, a second path comprising the video pump and a media server being coupled to each other by a network link that differs from a network link of the first path; wherein the second path is operable to retrieve media related information that comprises data structures that assist in constructing non-live media streams; to online generate at least a portion of a non-live media stream in response to a request to provide the non-live media stream to the client, by utilizing the media related information, wherein the generating comprises fetching intra-coded frames from locations that are pointed to at the media related information, and altering timing information of the intra-coded frames and of duplicating frames; and to provide the non-live media stream to the client, in response to the request to provide the non-live media stream to the client" as recited in combination with other features of independent claim 9 .

"an acquisition unit coupled to a media source; a video pump interface, coupled to the output of the acquisition unit via a first path, to the media storage and management entity via a second path and to a command channel, the video pump interface is

operable to receive instructions/requests from an end-user and accordingly to determine whether to feed the video pump with live stream media from the acquisition unit via the first path or to initiate a data fetch sequence for fetching data stored in the media storage and management entity, via the second path, in case where trick modes are required; wherein the second path comprises a network link that differs from a network link of the first path; and a video pump that is operable to determine which data to fetch from the media storage and management entity and when to transmit it according to MPEG timing; wherein the video pump is arranged to provide the live media stream to multiple users wherein the live media stream reaches the video pump only once" as recited in combination with other features of independent claim 16.

"receiving live media streams at a first path, wherein the first path comprises a video pump coupled to a data acquisition unit; providing a live media stream from the first path to a client, in response to a request to provide the live media stream to the client; retrieving media related information that comprises data structures that assist in constructing non-live media streams; wherein the generating comprises fetching intra-coded frames from locations that are pointed to at the media related information, and altering timing information of the intra-coded frames and of duplicating frames; and providing the non-live media stream from a second path to the client, wherein the second path comprises the video pump and a media server being coupled to each other by a network link that differs from a network link of the first path" as recited in combination with other features of independent claim 19.

The dependent claims 3-8, 20-23, 28; 11-15, 24-25; 17-18, 26-27 are allowed because they further limit independent/parents claims.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Weaver et al (6119154) disclose Method and apparatus for non-sequential access to an in-progress video feed.

Wells et al (6741290) disclose Processing coded video.

Okada et al (5900904) disclose Picture reproduction position detecting apparatus for use with video on demand system.

Dygert et al (6954469) disclose Multi-channel video pump.

Nishikawa et al (6032180) disclose Image data transmission system video server unit, and client unit for displaying image data.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean Duclos Saintcyr whose phone number is 571-270-3224. The examiner can normally reach on M-F 7:30-5:00 PM EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are not successful, his supervisor, Brian Pendleton, can be reached on 571-272-7527. The fax number for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197(toll free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, dial 800-786-9199(IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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